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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2003 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2003 should be the representative of a member of the Latin American and Caribbean States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 15 January 2003 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.



The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and with other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227.

**Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflict:
Guinea-Bissau**

Pursuant to Council resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 and Council decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002, the Council established an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau to examine its humanitarian and economic needs, and review relevant programmes of support and prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support, based on its development priorities through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development into a comprehensive approach to peace and stability.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

**Application of intergovernmental organizations for observer status with
the Council**

By its decision 2002/207, the Council decided to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2002 the application of an intergovernmental organization, namely, the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition, for observer status with the Council. At its substantive session, the Council postponed consideration of this application.

The Council will also have before it the applications of two intergovernmental organizations requesting observer status, namely, the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Documentation

Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition to the President of the Council (E/2002/3)

Letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Council (E/2003/6)

Letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Council (E/2003/7)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2003 and 2004 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2002/309, the Council decided that the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2003 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development".

In the same decision, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2003 would be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits".

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. At its organizational session for 1999, the Council decided, in its decision 1999/208, to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999. The Council may wish to follow a similar procedure for its humanitarian affairs segment in 2003.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2003 and 2004 (E/2003/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2003 (E/2003/2/Add.1)¹

¹ To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2003

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Andorra	2003
Argentina	2003
Australia	2004
Azerbaijan	2005
Benin	2005
Bhutan	2004
Brazil	2003
Burundi	2004
Chile	2004
China	2004
Congo	2005
Cuba	2005
Ecuador	2005
Egypt	2003
El Salvador	2004
Ethiopia	2003
Finland	2004
France	2005
Georgia	2003
Germany	2005
Ghana	2004
Greece	2005
Guatemala	2004
Hungary	2004
India	2004
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2003
Ireland	2005
Italy	2003
Jamaica	2005
Japan	2005
Kenya	2005
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2004
Malaysia	2005
Mozambique	2005
Nepal	2003
Netherlands	2003

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Nicaragua	2005
Nigeria	2003
Pakistan	2003
Peru	2003
Portugal	2005
Qatar	2004
Republic of Korea	2003
Romania	2003
Russian Federation	2004
Saudi Arabia	2005
Senegal	2005
South Africa	2003
Sweden	2004
Uganda	2003
Ukraine	2004
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2004
United States of America	2003
Zimbabwe	2004
